

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 114 and 131 and amend claims 108 and 125 as follows.

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1-107. (Canceled)

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108. (Currently amended) A method to ~~determine the need to vaccinate an animal against herpesvirus, said method~~ comprising the steps of:

(a) contacting a biological specimen of ~~said~~ from an animal with a recombinant protein under conditions suitable for formation of a complex with an antibody specific for a herpesvirus, wherein said recombinant protein comprises an at least 300 contiguous amino acid sequence from SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20 or SEQ ID NO:22, and wherein said protein is free of contaminants that result in false positives; and

(b) detecting the presence or absence of said protein:antibody complex; and

(c) ~~wherein the presence or absence of said complex is indicative of need to vaccinate if said protein:antibody complex is absent, vaccinating said animal against herpesvirus.~~

109. (Previously presented) The method of claim 108, wherein said recombinant protein comprises an at least 400 contiguous amino acid sequence from SEQ ID NO:18 or SEQ ID NO:20.

110. (Previously presented) The method of claim 108, wherein said recombinant protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20 or SEQ ID NO:22.

111. (Previously presented) The method of claim 108, wherein said recombinant protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18 or SEQ ID NO:20.

112. (Previously presented) The method of claim 108, wherein said recombinant protein has an amino acid sequence consisting of SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20 or SEQ ID NO:22.